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New Training Updates for Housing Counselors:

1. **HUD OHC Webinar Training for Housing Counselors:** Visit the HUD Office of Housing Counseling (OHC) Training Calendar [on-line](#). After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the webinar. All OHC webinars can be attended free of charge. [View System Requirements](#). All OHC webinars will be archived in the [OHC Webinar Archive](#). Please direct questions to: housing.counseling@hud.gov.
 - February 02, 2016 - Webinar: Understanding the Indirect Cost Rate. Learn about the Negotiate Indirect Cost Rate Agreement (NICRA), the OMB Omni Circular De Minimis Rate and an approved Cost Allocation Plan. This includes cost principles ensuring that only allowable, reasonable and necessary costs are included in the modified total direct costs base; the difference between an indirect rate and a cost allocation plan; and determining if the costs are correct when reviewing budgets and requests for reimbursements; commonly asked questions on indirect rates and cost allocation plans. Register [on-line](#).
 - HUD Exchange: HUD has launched an online curriculum, including video, dynamic presentations and self-paced training modules, designed to help HUD partners understand Federal financial requirements. The HUD Exchange Training and Events website also has many other courses and training opportunities of interest to housing counselors, non-profit and local government agencies. To access HUD Exchange you must first create an account. This [document](#) contains step by step instructions for creating an account on the HUD Exchange website. Once you have created an account, you will be able to access different HUD Exchange components. Visit [HUD Exchange](#) to learn more and register for training opportunities.
 - HUD Exchange Financial Management Curriculum: Completing the financial management curriculum will assist grantees and sub-recipients to comply with federal grant requirements, increase effectiveness, and maximize efficiency. The first course, Financial Management 101, provides an introduction to key topics and financial management basics. View [on-line](#).

2. FHFA Duty to Serve Webinar:

- December 22, 2015 - Webinar: FHFA Duty to Serve. Federal Housing Finance Agency (FHFA) staff will hold a webinar on its proposed rule on the Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac Duty to Serve Underserved Markets. Register [on-line](#).

3. NeighborWorks® Training Opportunities: Visit NeighborWorks® [Training Website](#) to see their on-line course catalog and register for training opportunities.

- Regional Training Events with Courses in Financial Capability, Housing Education and Counseling:
 - January 25-29, 2016 - Albuquerque, New Mexico - Tuition and lodging scholarships to this NeighborWorks® Placed-based Training (PBT) event are available for eligible applicants. The scholarship application deadline is Monday, November 30, 2015. Visit the [event page](#) for eligibility rules and course information.
- NeighborWorks® Training Institutes (NTI). Registration, class schedules, scholarships, and other information can be found [on-line](#). There's Still Time to Register for the Washington, D.C. NeighborWorks Training Institute:
 - February 22-26, 2016 - Atlanta, GA. Register [on-line](#).
 - May 02-06, 2016 - Los Angeles, CA
 - August 08-12, 2016 - Detroit, MI
- New NeighborWorks® Course Focuses on Service Members and Veterans: The latest addition to NeighborWorks® self-paced [eLearning](#) course offerings is "[Housing Counseling Services for Military Members and Veterans](#)." Housing professionals, this is an opportunity to increase your knowledge of programs and services developed to meet the unique needs of our nations service members-past and present. Read the full [course description](#) online. NeighborWorks® eLearning courses take approximately 2-4 hours to complete and are available for 60 days following registration. Register [on-line](#) today to learn about:
 - Common challenges
 - Work status and documentation for housing programs and benefits
 - Eligibility requirements for the VA Home Loan Program
 - National programs and legal protections for service members

4. NCRC National Training Academy for Housing Counselors: For more information, please contact Nsonye Anarado at: (202) 524-4883 or nanarado@ncrc.org or visit NCRC's National Training Academy [on-line](#).

- January 11-15, 2016 - Houston, TX. NCRC National Training Academy Presents Housing Counseling Training. Housing counselors and professional staff affiliated with HUD Approved Housing Counseling Agencies are invited to attend live housing counseling training courses. Courses include:
 - January 11-15, 2016 - HC113: Preparing Housing Counselors for the HUD Certification Exam: This course will provide housing counseling practitioners with test-taking tools and strategies in preparation for the HUD competency certification examination. Register [on-line](#).
 - January 11-13, 2016 - HC111: Providing Housing Counseling To Homeowners Transitioning Into Rental Housing: This 3 day course will address the components of effective rental counseling, including the rental process, tenant and landlord rights, budget/credit counseling, conducting a needs analysis, written action plans and development of a comprehensive resource directory. Register [on-line](#).
 - January 11-13, 2016 - HC104: Financial Literacy, Part II: This 3 day course is designed to help participants better manage their financial resources and track their daily spending habits while identifying tools that will help them become better money managers. The course will focus on financial planning, the home buying process and small business management. Register [on-line](#).
 - January 14-15, 2016 - Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing: In this 2 day training, housing counselors and housing professionals will learn about the “Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing” (AFFH) requirements and regulations that spell out the fair housing obligations of federal fund recipients. Register [on-line](#).
- Save the date for NCRC’s upcoming Training Series at the following locations:
 - March 16 -19, 2016 - Washington, DC
 - May 2016 - Cleveland, OH

5. NCLR Homeownership Network Learning Alliance (NHNLA) Training for Housing Counselors: For more information, please contact Cynthia Parra at: (602) 507-6208 or nhnla@nclr.org.

- eLearning Training via Virtual Classroom:
 - January 04-25, 2016 - Housing Counseling Competency: HUD Housing Counselor Certification Prep Course (Spanish): Register [on-line](#).

- January 04-25, 2016 - Financial Counseling II: Register [on-line](#).

6. FHA Servicing & Loss Mitigation Live Training: This live classroom training is for HUD-approved mortgagees, HUD approved housing counseling agencies, and nonprofit housing providers. For-profit entities are not permitted to attend this training. This training includes: HUD Handbook 4330.1 REV-5, Chapter 7, delinquencies, defaults, mortgage collection activities and HUD's Loss Mitigation Waterfall Program, extension of time requests and variances and Single Family Default Monitoring System. No fee. Space is limited to 45 participants; Registration is first come, first served. For more information please email: eclass@hud.gov, Register [on-line](#). Training dates in Oklahoma City, OK include:

- March 08-09, 2016
- June 14-15, 2016
- August 23-24, 2016

7. Virginia Housing Development Authority (VHDA) Training for Housing Counselors: Marketing 101: [YouTube](#) video training for non-profit agencies on how to market the services your agency offers. VHDA has posted many more informative training videos for non-profit agencies and consumers; please visit their [YouTube Channel](#) to view all their current training offerings.

8. OCC Financial Literacy Update: The Office of the Comptroller of the Currency (OCC)'s Financial Literacy Update is a bimonthly e-newsletter that reports financial literacy events, initiatives, and related resources of the OCC and other government agencies and organizations. Financial Literacy Update provides brief descriptions and Web links for events and training. Housing Counselors can visit the Financial Literacy Update [on-line](#).

9. HOPE NOW Military Housing Podcast: The HOPE NOW Military Housing Podcast is an entertaining and educational series of conversations focused on military off-base housing. Sponsored by HopeNow and Clearpoint Financial Solutions. No fee. Listen to the Podcasts [on-line](#).

HUD-OHC Listserv Bulk subscriptions:

Some housing counselors have asked, "How do I sign up my entire agency staff for HUD Office of Housing Counseling (HUD-OHC) listserv updates?" It is easy... Just list your staff email addresses like this:

aaa@xyz.com
bbb@xyz.com
ccc@xyz.com

You can send in one email address or your entire agency. Then [Email your list](#) to HUD-OHC. If you have a housing counseling industry friend who you want to subscribe to this listserv, there are 2 other ways to sign up: Send them this [link](#) or forward them this email.

Some Helpful Links for Housing Counselors:

- [Email Technical Support for Housing Counselors](#)
 - [HUD Housing Counseling Webpage](#)
 - [The Bridge Housing Counseling Newsletter Archive](#)
 - [Housing Counseling Listserv Archive](#)
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